

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I, too, have to support Senator Horgan in bringing this to us. I know that there are concerns a lot of times of misused funds and this was pointed out to us very pointedly in Judiciary Committee. I don't...I am knowledgeable of some of that, but I will tell you my experience in working with alcohol and drug and problems with young children, and, as most of you know, I've spent a lot of time on that through the years. Boys Town opened up a new center at Grand Island and I could very, very...always in our meetings and Father Peter came out very, very honest, I thought, very, very sincere. And I could certainly never, never see any obvious money wasted or anything. So I do want to compliment them on what they're doing and I think they're doing a lot of good for a lot of people that are not able to help themselves. And so I very much appreciate Senator Horgan bringing this to us.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Lynch, I appreciate what you said. I think that whenever something meaningful and worthwhile can be said on an issue it ought to be said, so I'm not disputing with you either or disagreeing with anything that you said, but I'm giving my opinion. Senator Horgan mentioned to me the Flanagan High School, which is in my district. Working with me is a lady who has been working with me for a number of years, Cynthia Grandberry. I remember the cold days that we walked through the neighborhood, which formerly existed before Flanagan High came there, because Boys Town and Creighton have interlocking directorates and they had gotten together to get the city to condemn the property of those people and they were going to steal it for a song. And Cindy and I would walk through the neighborhood, leaving messages and notes and arranging community gatherings so we could bring the neighbors together to fight for at least a somewhat less insulting, unfair amount that was given to them when their property was taken. These were older people who had maintained their homes, who did not want to leave, and with the money that they got...they wound up getting more because of my involvement, there was resentment by the Boys Town Board because of my involvement, but they had to ante up some more money. Old Franklin Credit Union had one of their branches talking to the people to try to get them out of the neighborhood cheap. They took a school, called Dominican, and called themselves transferring it to where Flanagan would be. They put in a priest, Father Gilg, G-i-l-g, to try to take away some of